

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A distribution server made up of an image forming apparatus manager and a host computer is provided to be capable of communicating with an image forming apparatus via a network. The distribution server comprises a receiving unit for receiving identifying information of a consumable unit, which is detachably loaded in the image forming apparatus, and a software distributing unit for transmitting image formation control software to the image forming apparatus depending on the received identifying information of the consumable unit.